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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Sun, 8 May 94 22:22:48 GMT
From: mnemosyne.cs.du.edu!nyx10!wkinning@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Archived solar info on the net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Recently I was going through some old log book entries and I wanted to
compare them with the solar conditions at the time. The book I have on

solar conditions only listed entries to the late seventies. I figured that the data must be archived on the net somewhere and I found it at the National Geophysical Data Center Gopher run by NOAA. It has sunspot and solar flux records going back a few years.
The gopher address is:

Host=gopher.ngdc.noaa.gov
Path=1/NGDC Public Data/Solar Terrestrial Physics/SOLAR_DATA

Warren Kinninger, N9MLK
wkinning@nyx.cs.du.edu

Date: Sun, 8 May 1994 11:48:57 MDT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!psgrain!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!alberta!ve6mgs!
usenet@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: ARLD026 DX news
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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ARLD026 DX news

ZCZC AE24
QST de W1AW
DX Bulletin 26 ARLD026
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT May 5, 1994
To all radio amateurs

SB DX ARL ARLD026
ARLD026 DX news

The items in this week's bulletin are courtesy of Bob, W5KNE, QRZ DX, Chod, VP2ML, The DX Bulletin, Frank, AH0W, Dave, VE3CPU, Joe, NJ1Q, Warren, NF1J, the Yankee Clipper Contest Club PacketCluster network and the Contest Corral column in QST. Thanks.

TONGA. Paul, KK6H, is supposed to be operating from here May 5 through June 4, though as of press time there have yet to be any spots on the local PacketCluster node. Listen for Paul's CW and RTTY from the shack of A35CT. Paul has requested the call sign A36H and plans to be in the WPX CW contest. QSL via KK6H.

JOHNSTON ISLAND. There is good news and bad news. First the bad news. The AH6IO/KH3 DXpedition by AH6IO and NH6UY has been

cancelled. The good news is that satellite gear for the DXpedition will be used by KH3AF for about a month, so at least satellite DXers will have a chance at snagging this one.

YEMEN. Robert, N4GCK, of 3Y0PI fame, has received permission to operate from Yemen. He will be on as 700CW during July for a period of 4 or 5 days, mostly CW.

ZAIRE. Paul, F6EXV, has been active as 9Q5EXV. F5FHI is signing 9Q5FHI and has been worked on 7016 kHz at 0100z and 14193 at 1938. Both EXV and FHI are expected to move to other African locations soon.

ITU HQ GENEVA. Listen for 4U9ITU being operated from station 4U1ITU until May 11.

LIECHTENSTEIN. The 4U9ITU operators plan to operate HB0/DL8BDR/P with CW, SSB and TTY modes from May 12 to 15.

DESECHEO ISLAND QRT. A spokesman for the US Fish and Wildlife Service reports that landing permission requests are being denied, so amateur activity from this island is on hold. This action is a result of modern day pirates and Haitian rebels occupying the island.

SINT MAARTEN. From May 24 to 30, Chod, VP2ML/WB2CHO, and Frank, AH0W/OH2LVG, will be signing PJ7/WB2CHO and PJ7/OH2LVG respectively. They will team up to operate in the CQ WPX CW Contest as PJ8X. QSL PJ7/WB2CHO via K1RH. QSL PJ7/OH2LVG and PJ8X via KE7LZ.

SAINT PAUL ISLAND. Five northeast Wisconsin amateurs are planning a 4 or 5 day DXpedition to CY9 between June 10 and 19, weather permitting. Check 25 kHz up on 40 through 15 meters. For SSB, try 3795, 7155, 14195, 18130, 21295 and 28350 kHz. RTTY will be on 7085 and 14085 kHz. QSL via K0SN.

QSL UPDATE. Cards for V2/VE3BW should go direct to VE3BW only.

ON A SAD NOTE. Harvey McCoy, W2IYX, FSK RTTY pioneer and Editor of The Long Island DX Bulletin, recently became a Silent Key at age 83. RIP, Harvey.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The ARI International DX Contest, sponsored by the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani, is from 2000z May 7 to 2000z May 8 on CW, SSB and RTTY. Italian stations will exchange QSO serial number and two letter province identifier. All others send signal report and serial number.

The Georgia QSO Party is from 1800z May 7 until 2000z May 8. For CW, check 3540, 7040, 14040, 21040, 28040 kHz and 50040 MHz. SSB activity will be around 3795, 7243, 14240, 21330, 28400 kHz and 50124 MHz. Georgia stations will exchange QSO serial number and their county. All others exchange serial number and state, province or DXCC country.

For more info on the ARI DX contest and Georgia QSO Party, check page 115 of April QST.

The Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club, MARAC, is sponsor of the County Hunter's CW Contest, which runs from 0000z May 7 to 2400z May 8. Exchange RST and either county and state or province or DXCC country. Work stations once per band per county. Fixed station contacts are worth one point, mobile contacts are worth three points, and multipliers are the different US counties worked. Log submission deadline is June 8. Send to Norm Beavers, W3DYA, 3320 McMillan Drive, Tyler, TX 75701.

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Date: Sat, 07 May 94 07:58:03 MST
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!asuvax!ennews!stat!
david@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Broadbander BB3 Antenna?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I just received a mailer for a mobile HF antenna called the Broadbander BB3.

Anyone have any experience with this product?

david, wb7tpy

Editor, HICNet Medical Newsletter
Internet: david@stat.com FAX: +1 (602) 451-1165
Bitnet : ATW1H@ASUACAD

Date: 8 May 1994 18:42:59 -0400
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!spool.mu.edu!nigel.msen.com!garnet.msen.com!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Followup: Was this a bad idea?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

hoagy@illuminati.io.com (Sir Hoagy) writes:

> A few days ago, I posted my article "Was this a bad idea?".
> It dealt with the fact that I had witnessed a rather horrid accident.
> The people involved were in jeopardy of losing their lives, and we
> were at least 2 to 3 miles from a house. I, while unlicensed,
> used my HT to call someone on the repeater and get emergency out there
> fast. They did, and the matter was thankfully resolved with no one
> being permanently injured.
>
> Many of you were kind enough to email me you opinions, which all said
> almost the same thing: Yes, it probably WAS illegal, but who would
> complain?
>
[stuff deleted]

Mark, FWIW, I would have done the exact same thing. And to agree with
someone else that posted, I believe the Communications Act covers that
scenario. Legal or not, You did good. BTW, Congrats on the license.

Vince.

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Vince Vielhaber -- KA8CSH email: vev@msen.com flame-mail: /dev/null
220+ Coordinator Michigan Area Repeater Council
include <std/disclaimers.h>
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Date: Sun, 8 May 1994 16:36:57 GMT
From: spsgate!mogate!newsgate!dtsdev0!kinzer@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Ham jargon
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <5aytMxQ.ndfriedman@delphi.com> Neil D. Friedman
<ndfriedman@delphi.com> writes:
>Terry Burge <t1terryb@cascade.ens.tek.com> writes:
>
>>I still like "destinated" meaning you have arrived at your destination.
>
>CB lingo from the 70's.

So what? It's short, it's concise, and I like it too.

Date: Sun, 8 May 94 14:21:00 -0400

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!gatech!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!
hearst.acc.Virginia.EDU!pplace!pete.wildman@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Help! Intermod/440/Knwd732/filter?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Try contacting Sinclabs - they make bandpass/cavity filters. They
advertise in most amateur periodicals.
Pete/kr4pu

Date: Sun, 8 May 1994 23:26:52 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!pipex!sunic!EU.net!dkuug!eunet.no!
nuug!nac.no!ifi.uio.no!wabbit.cc.uow.edu.au!metro!ipso!rwc@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: IPS Daily Report - 08 May 94
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SUBJ: IPS DAILY SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL REPORT
ISSUED AT 8/2330Z MAY 1994 BY IPS RADIO AND SPACE SERVICES
FROM THE REGIONAL WARNING CENTRE (RWC), SYDNEY.
SUMMARY FOR 8 MAY AND FORECAST UP TO 11 MAY

IPS Warning 12 was issued on 25 APR and is still current.

1A. SOLAR SUMMARY
Activity: very low

Flares: none.

Observed 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 074/011

1B. SOLAR FORECAST

	09 May	10 May	11 May
Activity	Very low	Very low	Very low
Fadeouts	None expected	None expected	None expected

Forecast 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 075/013

1C. SOLAR COMMENT
None.

2A. MAGNETIC SUMMARY
Geomagnetic field at Learmonth: active to minor storm

Estimated Indices : A K Observed A Index 7 May
 Learmonth 30 3354 5453

Fredericksburg	28	30
Planetary	35	40

Observed Kp for 7 May: 6665 4343

2B. MAGNETIC FORECAST

DATE	Ap	CONDITIONS
09 May	32	Active to minor storm.
10 May	28	Active.
11 May	25	Unsettled to active.

2C. MAGNETIC COMMENT

None.

3A. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION SUMMARY

DATE	LATITUDE BAND		
	LOW	MIDDLE	HIGH
08 May	normal	normal	fair

PCA Event : None.

3B. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION FORECAST

DATE	LATITUDE BAND		
	LOW	MIDDLE	HIGH
09 May	fair	poor	poor
10 May	fair	poor	poor
11 May	fair	poor	poor

3C. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION COMMENT

NONE.

4A. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC SUMMARY

MUFs at Sydney were about 15% below predicted monthly values

Observed T index for 08 May: 10

Predicted Monthly T Index for May is 30.

4B. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC FORECAST

DATE	T-index	MUFs
09 May	5	10 to 20% below predicted monthly values.
10 May	15	About 10% below predicted monthly values.
11 May	20	Near predicted monthly values.

4C. AUSTRALIAN REGION COMMENT

None.

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IPS Regional Warning Centre, Sydney	IPS Radio and Space Services
email: rwc@ips.oz.au fax: +61 2 4148331	PO Box 5606
RWC Duty Forecaster tel: +61 2 4148329	West Chatswood NSW 2057
Recorded Message tel: +61 2 4148330	AUSTRALIA

Date: Sun, 8 May 94 21:30:37 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!pipex!sunic!news.chalmers.se!
etek.chalmers.se!e2rosa1@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Islands on the air
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hello! I am interested in getting some info on IOTA. A list
of islands on the air would be most appreciated. Perhaps there is a
FTP site with such info?
Answers by E-mail is welcome.

Cheers!

-Robert/SM6SWU

Date: 8 May 1994 10:16:05 -0400
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!math.ohio-state.edu!caen!malgudi.oar.net!news.ans.net!
newstf01.cr1.aol.com!search01.news.aol.com!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Keep the Gun Battle Off!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <199405051539.IAA04297@ucsd.edu>, ST1860@SIUCVMB.SIU.EDU (Gary R.
Smith AA9JS) writes:

> While I personally believe that the debate over assault weapons/or any other
> type of weapons is something that needs to be discussed, how about doing it
> so
> meplace ELSE!. It's my opinion, but please this isn't the place.

Thanx....Gary AA9JS

Wait until the government decides that ham radio is harmful to one's health and
they want to ban certain high power devices like amplifiers or 900 mhz

equipment. Government is getting in and invading our lives too much. We need to keep them out of our private lives. While it may just be guns today, it will be our radios tomorrow, or something else. Government, and this administration in particular, is reducing our rights in the name of protecting us from harm. You have to draw the line somewhere.

de WB8NUT

Date: Sun, 8 May 1994 23:42:07 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!
rogjd@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: List of packet/Internet gateways
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Does anyone have a file listing the various reliable packet-to-internet gateways? If so, please e-mail to rogjd@netcom.com

Thanks and 73

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rogjd@netcom.com
Glendale, CA
AB6WR

Date: 8 May 1994 12:40:48 -0400
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!gatech!usenet.ufl.edu!mailer.acns.fsu.edu!
freenet3.scri.fsu.edu!freenet3.scri.fsu.edu!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Luck Hurder ... gone: (Why?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References: <1994May6.135244.9408@gsm001.mendelson.com>

Geoff...

Rick Palm is director of Field Services for ARRL and was Lucks direct supervisor. If this situation displeases you as much as it has me I suggest you send Mr. David Sumner, Executive Vice Pres. ARRL a note and, as I did, explain that the members still run this organization and we will not allow it to become some secret club to be commanded by a board that keeps its operational policy a secret from the folks who pay the bills!!! Please do not drop your membership in the league as only members can vote out the directors who allow these sorts of things to take place.

Matt May

President, Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society

Internet via mattmay@freenet.fsu.edu

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SEE YA LATER.....

73, KC4WCG, MATT
INTERNET / FREENET mattmay@freenet.scri.fsu.edu

Date: Sun, 8 May 94 10:15:00 -0400
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!gatech!darwin.sura.net!hearst.acc.Virginia.EDU!
pplace!pat.wilson@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: mods
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

A while back, I heard of, read, thought there was, something, a mod for
the Radio Shack SWR/Power Meter for 2M/440. It was a mod to hold the
reading for a specific time or until released with a button mounted on
the case.

Anyone remember where that was published? I have searched (skimmed)
thru the QST and CQ issues I have, but haven't located it yet. I have
given some of my mags away, and would like to locate that mod.

Thanks for any help.

NØRDQ

Date: Sun, 8 May 1994 14:02:17 -0600
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!galaxy.ucr.edu!library.ucla.edu!psgrain!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!
alberta!ve6mgs!usenet@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin #157
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SB DX @ ALLBBS \$OPDX.157
Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 157

The Ohio/Penn Dx PacketCluster
DX Bulletin No. 157
BID: \$OPDX.157
May 9, 1994
Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW
Provided by BARF-80 BBS Cleveland, Ohio
Online at 216-237-8208 14400/9600/2400/1200/300 8/N/1

Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, Ohio/Penn PacketCluster Network, DL7VEE & DXNL, DF4RD, K4CEF & Southeastern Cluster Group, WB3JFS, WK3N, K3ZR, W5HVV, WI5A, KF7E and WD8NSD for the following DX information.

70, YEMEN. It has been a little over a week since Robert, N4GCK (one of the operators of the 3Y0PI), announced the good news that he has received permission to operate as 700CW and he could be active during July. Now for the bad news! The newspapers report, "Yemen has edged toward civil war in a fight over the two regions since conservative North Yemen and socialist South Yemen united on May 22, 1990". Fierce fighting is reported between the northern and southern troops on the border region between Yemen's two feuding regions.

A5, BHUTAN. Roderick, W5HVV, spoke with Jim Smith, VK9NS, on the air May 4th and Jim stated that he had spoken with the Ministry of Communication of Bhutan. Jim mentioned that he was anticipating a trip to Bhutan to operate. All the equipment and a beam are already there. Jim is only awaiting the final word from the Ministry of Communication and he would be off and running. There was an indication that Jim would also operate from Bangladesh (S2) and Nepal (9N), probably on his way to Bhutan.

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. It has been reported that A61AN is a SLIM operating in Dubai. If you ask this station about QSL info, he will tell you, "FORGET IT! I did not QSL at all!". At Dayton, Don (WB2DND/A61AD) has also stated this station is operating illegally and was claiming to be Nasir the "old" A61AF operator. Don also mentioned he will be return to U.A.E. in October.

BY, CHINA. George, BY/KA3NRG, is now in Beijing on business during the month of May. George's free time is limited, but his plans are to operate the usual SSB DX frequencies. He is a relatively new DXer, but he is savvy and says he will not hesitate to QSY or pull the plug should the gang become unruly. QSL via K3WS.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. From May 26-30th, JA6VZB and JF6BCC will be active as AH0T and KH2GR/KH0, respectively. Operations will be on 160-10 meters, CW/SSB and RTTY; and they will participate in the WPX contest.

VR6, PITCAIRN ISLAND. According to Dave, VR6ME, as of April, VR stations are allowed to use 12 and 17 meters. He states operations prior to this were not quite legit. Also, he stated the new call sign for the Pitcairn Amateur Radio Club is now VR6PAC.

DX-TIDBITS..... Jim, 5X1B, will be (or is) QRT in May, but heads for Cameroon (TJ) after a home leave..... Because of budget cutbacks in

Moscow, the Vostok Antarctic outpost (4K1C) has been recently abandoned. The Vostok base holds the record for the coldest spot on earth. 129 below zero, achieved on July 21, 1983..... Mike, ZD8M (G3UOF), has gone QRT from Ascention Island as March 16, 1994. A report of using his (G3UOF) home address, instead of the Ascention Island address, results in a quicker turn around of his QSL cards.....

NOT ACCEPTED BY THE DXCC DESK. Bill, K5FUV, at the Dayton HamVention DX Forum, entertained a few question about a few operations and has stated the following:

The I2RA0/HK0 (Malpelo) cards were not being accepted because the operator apparently just showed up at the island and asked the persons that were there for permission to land. I2RA0 did not receive the permission from the right govenrnt agency and that it was unlikely that permission would ever be granted. The cards would probably never be accepted.

The FR/DJ6SI/G (Glorioso) cards would not be accepted because Baldur did not have the proper permission to be there.

DAYTON HAMVENTION SUMMARY (From a DXer's point a view! by KB8NW). Another Dayton HamVention has come and gone, and there are good and bad things to remember about this convention (naturally the good out weigh the bad). The only major complaint is that "Mother-Nature" was not too kind to the conventioners. I do beleive that this is four years in a row of bad and rainy weather. Many of us wait all year for this special event to happen. Hey! Does anyone have "Mother-Nature's" InterNet address? (Doesn't InterNet go anywhere?) Maybe we can send her a message and ask her to
"P L E A S E"

"Give.....Us.....A.....Break.....Next.....Year!".

At least she can not disrupt the DX Forum, DX Dinner Banquet and the visiting of the hospitably suites. I look forward every year to meet with old and new friends at these special activities. For me, this is the highlight of the HamVention. If you are a DXer and have never attended at least one of these functions, you are missing out on the whole purpose of this "CONVENTION".

Those that attended the Southwest Ohio DX Association's Dinner Banquet were treated to a great slide presentation on the 3Y0PI DXpedition by Ralph Fedor, K0IR. After the banquet, members of the 3Y0PI DXpedition were on hand in one of the hospitality suites, to meet and greet all; plus to autograph an excellent book on the 3Y0PI DXpedition written by Bob Schmieder, KK6EK.

At the DX Forum there were presentations by Bill Kenamer, K5FUV (DXCC Administrator) and Bob Beatty, W4VQ (DXAC Chairman). Bill give an update on status of the DXCC Desk in the processings of the applications, changes and the growth of DXing. Bob's talk dealt with the DX Advisory Committee past and present activities.

Other presentations included: Richard Grantham's (VE1AI) DXpedition to C51A, Igor Zdorov's (KU0J) DXpedition 1B/KU0J and Holger Hannenmann's (DL7VTM) 1992 Pacific DXpedition. It was great to see and meet again, NODXA member Holger and his girlfriend Birgit (DG9WYL). Holger introduced me to his QSL Manager, Fritz (DL7VR0), and his daughter Silke. Plans were worked out later to have both Fritz and Silke attended the NODXA meeting the Monday after the Hamvention.

But the highlight of the DX Forum was another presentation on the 3Y0PI DXpedition by Terry Dubson, W6MKB. This presentation was totally different from the one that Ralph, K0IR, presented. Different slides and a rough cut video were shown. After the presentation, the 3Y team were applauded and received a standing ovation.

In summary, Dayton was not a total loss. As long as there can be an international gathering of friends and a show of goodwill, I will keep returning to the Dayton HamVention.

FAX YOUR DX INFORMATION NOW! Faxing is available Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 0430 to 2330z only. The number is 216-237-8208 and the FAX card is sharing the same phone line as BARF-80 BBS using a data/fax/phone switch.

Excerpts and distribution of The OPDX Bulletin are granted as long as KB8NW/OPDX/BARF80 receive credit. To contribute DX info, call BARF-80 BBS online at 216-237-8208 14400/9600/2400/1200/300 and leave a message with the Sysop or send InterNet Mail to: aq474@cleveland.freenet.edu or send BitNet Mail to: aq474@cleveland.freenet@cunyvms or send PRODIGY Mail to: DFJH48A or send a message via packet to KB8NW @ WA8BXN.OH.USA.NA

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Date: Sun, 8 May 1994 12:52:29 GMT
From: sgi!odin!chuck.dallas.sgi.com!adams@ames.arpa
Subject: QLF?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The Q signal, QLF, usually means in the interrogatory form, "shall I send with my left foot?" or "are you sending with your left foot?". Probably meaning, in the latter case, the operator is having problems copying a poor fist. I don't see this on in chapter 37 in the Q signals of the 1992 Handbook. :-)

At many ham fests around the country, there is a contest called the QLF Contest. This usually means there is a large straight key made of wood sitting on the floor. The contestants usually remove one shoe, are given a piece of paper with plain text on it, and have to send the text as rapidly and accurately as they can. In many cases the contestant is standing on one foot while sending with the other. The key is connected to an audio oscillator and a team of judges may score the operator on style, grace, speed, accuracy, and whatever else they predetermine, then the contestants are awarded certificates or whatever at the end of the contest.

I am looking for the plans for such a key that people may have built or use in such contests. If you have such a thing, please email to me at adams@sgi.com or if you are inclined, fax to (214) 788-1376. I'm good in the callbook for the last 6 years if you want to use the US Post Office.

Any help greatly appreciated. I'm running such a contest at Hamcom in Dallas in June. Was going to do it last year, but the key didn't show up. Going to go ahead and build one, but the time in design, etc. doesn't appeal to me.

I'd be interested in "war stories" about such events that you've seen.

73 es dit dit,

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Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60
adams@sgi.com

Date: 8 May 1994 15:55:07 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!wupost!crcnis1.unl.edu!
unlinfo.unl.edu!mcduffie@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: QLF?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams) writes:

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>key made of wood sitting on the floor. The contestants usually
>remove one shoe, are given a piece of paper with plain text on
>it, and have to send the text as rapidly and accurately as they

>can.

My most memorable version of this took place at one of the Laramie Wyoming get togethers in the mid 70's. This was an indoor event and the code contest was the best show of the day. The key consisted of a spring loaded toilet seat with contacts. By the way, it was won by a y1. Best cheeks in town! :)

Gary

Date: 9 May 94 00:15:31 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: REXON RL-401
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hi Gang,

I picked up one of these HT's at a pawn shop the other day. From all outward appearances, it looks like a Yaesu FT-470 (case, battery pack, kybd, etc), but it is only 70cm not dual band. At least I have not found the trick to get it to work 2m/70cm. What I need to know is:

- 1 - Is it made by Yaesu?
- 2 - Is it functionally equivalent to the FT-470?
- 3 - If not, does anybody have a manual that I can copy?
- 4 - Was it designed as a business band HT?

Any help, anybody can give would be greatly appreciated.

tnx/73 de KB0LRB

Date: 8 May 94 23:07:00 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Source for Keplerian Data
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Is there someone there who can help me get on a mail list or something that will enable me to get the most current keplerian data for the AMSATs? Any/all help appreciated. thanks

Date: Sun, 8 May 1994 19:52:15 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <h1bmjGG8y901057yn@dorsai.dorsai.org>,
<2q0qee\$kb5@docman.doc.state.ne.us>, <H0jnjGG8yDjJ057yn@dorsai.dorsai.org>
Subject : Re: Spectrum Show 30 Apr 94

In article <H0jnjGG8yDjJ057yn@dorsai.dorsai.org> bigsteve@dorsai.dorsai.org (Steve Coletti) writes:

>In article <2q0qee\$kb5@docman.doc.state.ne.us>, Gary McDuffie wrote:

>> The real question is: What's this trash doing in this news group?

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> What if I tagged my comment on to

>Newsline? I bet there would be no complaints then.

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>SPECTRUM is heard on

No one is making a monetary profit from Newsline. But I wonder if someone might be profiting from the airing of Spectrum. If so, then Big Steve is conducting commercial advertising on the rec.radio groups.

Jeff NH6IL

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